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1 AN ACT *to amend* 20.566 (1) (hp); and *to create* 71.10 (5fm) of the statutes;
2 relating to: creating an individual income tax checkoff for donations to the fire
3 fighters memorial.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 SECTION 1. 20.566 (1) (hp) of the statutes, as affected by 2005 Wisconsin Act
5 25, is amended to read:

6 20.566 (1) (hp) *Administration of endangered resources; professional football*
7 *district; breast cancer research; fire fighters memorial; veterans trust fund voluntary*
8 *payments.* The amounts in the schedule for the payment of all administrative costs,
9 including data processing costs, incurred in administering ss. 71.10 (5), (5e), (5f),
10 (5fm), and (5g) and 71.30 (10). All moneys specified for deposit in this appropriation

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1 under ss. 71.10 (5) (h) 5., (5e) (h) 4., (5f) (i), (5fm) (i), and (5g) (i) and 71.30 (10) (i) and
2 (11) (i) shall be credited to this appropriation.

3 **SECTION 2.** 71.10 (5fm) of the statutes is created to read:

4 **71.10 (5fm) FIRE FIGHTERS MEMORIAL CHECKOFF.** (a) *Definitions.* In this
5 subsection:

6 1. “Corporation” means the Wisconsin State Firefighters Memorial, Inc.

7 2. “Department” means the department of revenue.

8 (b) *Voluntary payments.* 1. ‘Designation on return.’ Every individual filing an
9 income tax return who has a tax liability or is entitled to a tax refund may designate
10 on the return any amount of additional payment or any amount of a refund due that
11 individual for the fire fighters memorial.

12 2. ‘Designation added to tax owed.’ If the individual owes any tax, the
13 individual shall remit in full the tax due and the amount designated on the return
14 for the fire fighters memorial when the individual files a tax return.

15 3. ‘Designation deducted from refund.’ Except as provided in par. (d), if the
16 individual is owed a refund for that year after crediting under ss. 71.75 (9) and 71.80
17 (3) and (3m), the department shall deduct the amount designated on the return for
18 the fire fighters memorial from the amount of the refund.

19 (c) *Errors; failure to remit correct amount.* If an individual who owes taxes fails
20 to remit an amount equal to or in excess of the total of the actual tax due, after error
21 corrections, and the amount designated on the return for the fire fighters memorial:

22 1. The department shall reduce the designation for the fire fighters memorial
23 to reflect the amount remitted in excess of the actual tax due, after error corrections,
24 if the individual remitted an amount in excess of the actual tax due, after error

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1 corrections, but less than the total of the actual tax due, after error corrections, and
2 the amount originally designated on the return for the fire fighters memorial.

3 2. The designation for the fire fighters memorial is void if the individual
4 remitted an amount equal to or less than the actual tax due, after error corrections.

5 (d) *Errors; insufficient refund.* If an individual is owed a refund that does not
6 equal or exceed the amount designated on the return for the fire fighters memorial,
7 after crediting under ss. 71.75 (9) and 71.80 (3) and (3m) and after error corrections,
8 the department shall reduce the designation for the fire fighters memorial to reflect
9 the actual amount of the refund that the individual is otherwise owed, after crediting
10 under ss. 71.75 (9) and 71.80 (3) and (3m) and after error corrections.

11 (e) *Conditions.* If an individual places any conditions on a designation for the
12 fire fighters memorial, the designation is void.

13 (f) *Void designation.* If a designation for the fire fighters memorial is void, the
14 department shall disregard the designation and determine amounts due, owed,
15 refunded, and received without regard to the void designation.

16 (g) *Tax return.* The secretary of revenue shall provide a place for the
17 designations under this subsection on the individual income tax return.

18 (h) *Certification of amounts.* Annually, on or before September 15, the
19 secretary of revenue shall certify to the corporation, the department of
20 administration, and the state treasurer all of the following:

21 1. The total amount of the administrative costs, including data processing
22 costs, incurred by the department in administering this subsection during the
23 previous fiscal year.

24 2. The total amount received from all designations for the fire fighters
25 memorial made by taxpayers during the previous fiscal year.

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1 3. The net amount remaining after the administrative costs, including data
2 processing costs, under subd. 1. are subtracted from the total received under subd.
3 2.

4 4. The total of all annual net amounts that have been certified under subd. 3.
5 in the current year and any previous year.

6 (i) *Appropriations.* From the moneys received from designations for the fire
7 fighters memorial, an amount equal to the sum of administrative expenses,
8 including data processing costs, certified under par. (h) 1. shall be deposited into the
9 general fund and credited to the appropriation account under s. 20.566 (1) (hp), and
10 the net amount remaining that is certified under par. (h) 3. shall be transferred to
11 the corporation for the construction, improvement, and maintenance of the fire
12 fighters memorial.

13 (j) *Amounts subject to refund.* Amounts designated for the fire fighters
14 memorial under this subsection are not subject to refund to the taxpayer unless the
15 taxpayer submits information to the satisfaction of the department, within 18
16 months after the date on which the taxes are due or the date on which the return is
17 filed, whichever is later, that the amount designated is clearly in error. Any refund
18 granted by the department under this paragraph shall be deducted from the moneys
19 received under this subsection in the fiscal year for which the refund is certified.

20 (k) *Sunset.* No individual may make a designation described under par. (b) 1.
21 that relates to any taxable year beginning on or after January 1 of the year in which
22 the secretary of revenue certifies under par. (h) 4. that the total net amount exceeds
23 \$400,000.

24 **SECTION 3. Initial applicability.**

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(1) This act first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year in which this subsection takes effect, except that if this subsection takes effect after July 31 this act first applies to taxable years beginning on January 1 of the year following the year in which this subsection takes effect.

5 (END)